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## PAUL'S NOTE

We've had some much needed rain this week. Even those of us that haven't lived here very long know that we should be thankful for it.

When we get a few days of steady rain, it's easy to forget that we are still facing drought conditions and we need to continue to save water. In addition to the programs I've been beating the drum about for years (don't you wish you had rainwater harvesting this week?), there are some programs in the community that will allow you to learn a bit more about responsible ways to use our scarce water resources.

Watershed Management Group is having their 6th Annual Homescape Harvest Tour this Saturday, October 1 from 10 am until 3 pm. Amazing home landscapes throughout Tucson will be open for you to explore at your own pace. WMG has lined up a list of well-designed, beautiful, and affordable features to harvest water, energy, and food. This is a great way for you to get ideas for your own dream yard.

Participants explore home landscapes throughout Tucson and learn from the homeowners firsthand. Features of these homes include rain gardens, cis-

terns, passive & active solar systems, greywater systems, composting toilets, shady oases, lush food gardens, wildlife habitat, and much more. Practices will range in size and cost, and many sites feature repurposed and recycled materials.

Tickets are \$15—or \$10 for bicycle riders, public transportation users, and those who carpool. Proceeds directly benefit WMG's Green Living Co-op program.

Sponsoring partners include Edible Baja Arizona, Technicians for Sustainability, 5 Points Market and Restaurant, Tucson

## PAUL'S NOTE, CONTINUED

Water, Premier Printing and more. You can find more information and register at [water-shedmg.org](http://water-shedmg.org).

Tucson Water and the University of Arizona have a program called Pima Smartscape, which has been offering classes for both residents and professionals in areas ranging from landscape design to irrigation.

They will be offering Irrigation Association classes that are geared towards professional landscapers. However, I spoke with the people at Tucson Water and they said that they also welcome property managers and people on the boards of HOAs to participate too. I have the details on page three of the newsletter, or you can contact Daniel Ransom with Tucson Water at [Daniel.ransom@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Daniel.ransom@tucsonaz.gov).

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Next week's mayor and council meeting will be on Wednesday rather than Tuesday at the request of one of my colleagues.

Among the items on the agenda will be the Tucson Parks and Recreation Master Plan. It will be the first such report from Parks and Recreation that my colleagues and I will not be getting from director Fred Gray, who is retiring this week.

Fred has been in charge of Parks and Recreation since 2004. In addition to the master plan, he helped steer the department through several difficult staff cuts and a privatizing the management of our city golf courses. He's been a good friend to our office and to east side park users.

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## CPR CLASSES

Your Ward 2 Council Office continues to host CPR and first aid classes in conjunction with Save a Life and the Tucson Fire Department. For registration, you can call 623-8484 or visit [savealifetfd.com](http://savealifetfd.com).

Upcoming classes:

November 9: Noon-5 pm heartsaver CPR/First Aid

November 9: 6 pm-10 pm BLS healthcare provider CPR

December 14: Noon-5 pm heartsaver CPR/First Aid

December 14: 6 pm -10 pm BLS healthcare provider CPR

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## SMARTSCAPE IRRIGATION CLASSES

Tucson Water is offering Irrigation Association classes for Pima Smartscape's certificate holders and landscape companies that are interested in certifying their staff to participate in Tucson Water's Irrigation Efficiency Incentive Program. These are the official IA classes for anyone who wants to earn their Irrigation Association Certification OR CEU'S. Participants will be prepared to take the exam.

Those who attend all six classes will be qualified to perform the work for the new Tucson Water Irrigation Efficiency Upgrade Incentive Program for commercial and multi-family customers. This is an up to \$10,000 rebate and qualified contractors will be in demand!

These are all day classes (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Breakfast and lunch provided.

Dates (first Thursday and Friday in November, December, January):

Module 1: November 3 & 4, 2016 – Landscape Auditor (two-day module)

Module 2: December 1 & 2, 2016 – Foundations of Landscape Irrigation Design (two-day module)

Module 3: January 5, 2017 (one-day module)

Module 4: January 6, 2017 (one-day module)

Visit [pimasmartscape.org](http://pimasmartscape.org). Space is very limited.

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## KORE PRESS—UNSILENCING ANATOMIES

Kore Press and the University of Arizona have joined forces to create a city-wide, 2-month long series of events exploring the impact of personal stories on public health and safety.

UnSilencing Anatomies kick-off events run from October 1 -7, and will include a streetcar journey/performance, story-gathering, readings, a panel, and exhibits. This series offers opportunities to connect diverse communities with university and health care academics and professionals to promote critical thinking about the medical humanities and related questions of access/justice and racial/gender equity. Kore Press, Tucson publisher of innovative women's writings since 1993, is a leader in activism for a holistic community.

The kickoff reception takes place on Saturday, October 1 and will feature Author Monica Ong, whose book, *Silent Anatomies*, inspired the project. Ongoing exhibits, story-gathering and Street Car Journeys / Tucson Nerve Centers, will continue throughout October and November, including a transformation of the streetcar into an interactive site for performance and reflective journeys. For more information about these and other scheduled events, please visit the Schedule of Events, here included, or on the website [www.korepress.org](http://www.korepress.org)

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## CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

**OctoberFest:** The East-side Senior Club will host the "OctoberFest" event on October 19. The event starts at noon, and will include German food and entertainment by Ken Novak. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Sign up by October 17.

**Halloween Party:** Halloween Party at Freedom on Monday, October 31st. Departure from Udall Center is 10:15 am, and return is 1:30 pm. The celebration will include cookie crafts, games, a dance off, cake walk and lunch. Sign up by Wednesday, October 26.

**San Agustin Field Trip:** Field trip to Public Market at Mercado San Agustin on Thursday, October 13, Departure from Udall Center is 1 pm, and return if 4:30 pm.

*A free Medicare presentation will be offered by CareMore on Wednesday, October 12th from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Please contact the Carol West Senior Addition, 791-4121 for questions.*

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## PARKS PROGRAMS

**Solar Panel Construction:** The Udall Regional Center's parking lot is currently under construction for the Solar Panel project. Solar panel shade structures will be installed over the next few months. Sections of the Senior Addition and main parking lots will be closed in 2-3 week increments. Limited parking will be available. The project will take place from September through December.

**Boo Bash:** The Boo Bash event will be held at Lincoln Park, 8155 E Poinciana Drive on Saturday, October 22 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. More information available soon.

**Fall Program Guide and Leisure Classes:** The Tucson Parks and Recreation Fall Program Guide has been published, and registrations have started. The Fall Leisure classes for Session I takes place from August 28-October 15. Session II of classes will run October 23-December 10. For class and program availability, call Registration Services at 791-4877. Visit [www.ezeereg.com](http://www.ezeereg.com) for additional information.

**The Arizona Symphonic WINDS Concerts:** The WINDS concert series will take place at the Lazslo Veres Amphitheater in Udall Park (7200 E Tanque Verde Rd) on October 1, and from 7 pm to 9 pm. Please bring a chair or blanket. For more information visit: <http://azwinds.com/>  
*Call 791-4877 for more information or questions.*

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for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable  
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—  
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals  
and Families in Need**

**LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses**

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/  
Dance Equipment**

**CASA MARIA—Plastic bags**

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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 5**. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

